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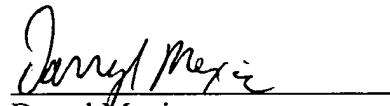
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Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
		US 4,896,037		1/23/90	Shimura et al
		US 4,855,59		8/8/89	Ohgoda et al
		US 4,346,295		8/24/82	Tanaka et al
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		US 4,258,264		3/24/81	Kotera et al
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